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To provide for agreements between Federal agencies to partner or transfer funds to accomplish erosion goals relating to the coastal area of Louisiana, and for other purposes.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

APRIL 6, 2005

Mr. VITTER introduced the following bill; which was read twice and referred to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation

A BILL

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1 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*
2 *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

3 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

4 This Act may be cited as the “Together-Immediately
5 Defeating Erosion Act of 2005”.

6 **SEC. 2. CONSERVATION, PROTECTION, AND RESTORATION**
7 **PROGRAMS.**

8 (a) **PURPOSE.**—The purpose of this Act is to encour-
9 age Federal agencies to carry out comprehensive, inter-

1 agency projects relating to the conservation, protection,
 2 and restoration of the coastal area of the State of Lou-
 3 isiana.

4 (b) USE OF FUNDS.—

5 (1) IN GENERAL.—Any funds authorized to be
 6 appropriated under section 3 shall be used in a man-
 7 ner that is consistent with a multi-agency, com-
 8 prehensive conservation, protection, and restoration
 9 program for the coastal area of Louisiana.

10 (2) SECRETARY OF COMMERCE.—The Secretary
 11 of Commerce, acting through the National Oceanic
 12 and Atmospheric Administration, shall use funds au-
 13 thORIZED to be appropriated under section 3(a)—

14 (A) to collect data relating to the coastal
 15 area of the State of Louisiana regarding—

16 (i) environmental restoration;

17 (ii) resource protection; and

18 (iii) protection and recovery of fish-
 19 eries;

20 (B) to carry out a restoration project relat-
 21 ing to the coastal area of the State of Lou-
 22 isiana, as the Secretary determines to be appro-
 23 priate; or

24 (C) to enter into an agreement with an-
 25 other Federal agency to partner or transfer

1 funds to achieve the purpose described in sub-
2 section (a).

3 (3) SECRETARY OF THE INTERIOR.—The Sec-
4 retary of the Interior, acting through the Geological
5 Survey, shall use funds authorized to be appro-
6 priated under section 3(b)—

7 (A) to collect biological, ecological, environ-
8 mental, geological, and geographical data relat-
9 ing to the coastal area of the State of Lou-
10 isiana;

11 (B) to monitor and analyze the data col-
12 lected under subparagraph (A) or paragraph
13 (2)(A);

14 (C) to carry out any other appropriate ac-
15 tivity, as determined by the Secretary, in ac-
16 cordance with subsection (a); or

17 (D) to enter into an agreement with an-
18 other Federal agency to partner or transfer
19 funds to achieve the purpose described in sub-
20 section (a).

21 **SEC. 3. AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.**

22 (a) DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE.—There is author-
23 ized to be appropriated to carry out section 2(b)(2)
24 \$50,000,000 for each of fiscal years 2006 through 2016.

1 (b) DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR.—There is au-
2 thORIZED to be appropriated to carry out section 2(b)(3)
3 \$32,000,000 for each of fiscal years 2006 through 2016.

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